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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains in September 1954 included:

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C'B - converted boxcar      SSy - heavy-duty flatcar  
 B - boxcar                    RRym - heavy-duty flatcar  
 F - flatcar

Date in September	Number of Cars	From	To
2	7	Apolda	Wiesenburg
22	13, 9 RRym	Arnstadt	Glauchau
21 and 22	195, 4 RRym	Arnstadt	Altenburg
4	5, 7 RRym	Bad Koesteritz	Glauchau
22	50	Crawinkel	Plauen
15	53	Donndorf	Jueterbog
24	11, 17 RRym	"	Mechterstaedt
25	12, 16 RRym	"	Gotha
	44, 38 RRym	"	Georgenthal

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Date in September	Number of Cars	From	To
1	2, 16 SSy	Eisenach	Halle
28 and 29	4, 8 RRym	Erfurt	Angersdorf
	6, 8 RRym	"	"
	16, 5 RRym	"	"
	4, 13 RRym	"	"
	12, 15 RRym	"	"
	17, 13 RRym	"	"
	9, 11 RRym	"	"
	13, 9 RRym	"	"
29	52	"	Merseburg
28	60	"	"
2	22, 1 RRym	Meiningen	Altengrabow
13	11, 5 RRym	Meiningen	Frankfurt/Oder
25	60, 2 SSy	Naumburg	Neubukow
	45	"	Kroepelin
22	39	Neudietendorf	Altenburg
	38	"	"
2	34	Ohrdruf	Altengrabow
14	12, 3 RRym	"	Wolmirstedt
23	19	"	Plaue
27 and 28	136	"	"
24 and 25	20, 30 RRym	Rossleben	Emleben
25	4, 16 RRym	"	Georgenthal
1	28	Rudolstadt	Zeitz

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Date in September	Number of Cars	From	To
12	26	Weimar	Altengrabow
	45	"	"
18	12	"	"
28	20	"	Angersdorf
	13, 12 RRym	"	"
25	55	"	Guben-border
28	55	"	Frankfurt/Oder-border
	12, 12 RRym	"	Angersdorf
	19	"	Neubukow
	9, 17 RRym	"	Angersdorf
1	3, 1 RRym	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	29	Aue	Chemnitz
15	34	"	Neubukow
1	13, 3 RRym	Breitenbrunn	Chemnitz
17	13, 19 RRym	Glauchau	Ohrdruf
	15, 6 RRym	"	Haldensleben
6	5	Chemnitz	Strausberg
15	42	"	Kroepelin
	131	"	Neubukow
18	57	"	Kroepelin
15	39	Leisnig	Jueterbog
2	23	Plauen	Altengrabow
18	212	"	Mechtersstaedt
23	11, 6 RRym	Wuelknitz	Koenigsbrueck
	48, 8 RRym	"	"
	44, 3 RRym	"	"
27	3, 12 RRym	"	"

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Date in September	Number of Cars	From	To
27	4, 13 RRym	Wuelknitz	Koenigsbrueck
	1, 2 RRym	"	"
	9, 16 RRym	"	Meissen-Triebischthal
	8, 11 RRym	"	Dresden
	38, 1 RRym	"	"
23	43	"	Koenigsbrueck
1	6, 6 SSy	Dresden	Wiesenburg
18	7, 3 SSy	Meissen	Altengrabow
27	7, 31 SSy 36 RRym	Roederau	Dresden

2. Troop trains from Neubukow [redacted] between 13 and 18 October included: [redacted] observed

Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	Receiving Station
13	1 C/B. 4 F. with an SGR-584 type artillery fire director	Dresden
17	8 C/B, 3 B, 36 F with 12 x 85-mm AA guns. and trucks [redacted]	Naumburg
18	undetermined	Naumburg

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1. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank details of the 220th Hvy Tk SP Regt which returned from firing practices at Ohrdruf, Letzling Heath and Forst Zeitz (see troop train on 4 September 1954).

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2. [redacted] Comment. On 17 and 18 September 1954, elements of the two artillery brigades on five troop trains moved from Altenburg to Ohrdruf probably for firing practice in the Georgenthal area. On 22 September 1954, the units returned on the troop trains [redacted]

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The loading of two additional troop trains at Neudietendorf southwest of Erfurt indicates that elements of the brigades also participated in maneuvers of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted]

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3. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which possibly returned from a maneuver which extended from Kindel toward Ohrdruf between 18 and 22 September 1954. 25X1
4. Comment. The troop train probably carried an artillery unit with field howitzers to Jueterbog for firing practice. Another report indicated that the unit probably returned to its home station in Halle on 28 September 1954. 25X1
5. Comment. The troop trains supplement the previous observations on the final maneuver of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. 25X1  
 The report indicates that the division, including about 100 tanks from the Lossa troop training grounds and about 18 tanks from Halle, went by rail to the assembly area of Gotha - Mechterstaedt - Georgenthal from which an attack was launched through Arnstadt and extended to the area south of Erfurt and Weimar. An enemy group with about 80 tanks was apparently employed from Lossa via Buttstaedt and Weimar. On 28 and 29 September 1954, the track-laying elements were dispatched from Ohrdruf and Erfurt (see present report) while the enemy group was entrained at Weimar. 25X1  
 On 29 September 1954, the wheeled elements went toward Gotha via Tabarz. 25X1
6. Comment. The troop trains carried elements of the artillery brigade from Merseburg back to Erfurt. The unit which belongs to the same corps as the 21st Gds Mecz Div went to the assembly area of the division on 24 September 1954 and participated in the division maneuver. 25X1
7. Comment. The troop trains probably carried firing details which returned from a 10-day firing practice. 25X1
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10. Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank detail of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1
11. Comment. The troop trains probably carried discharges. 25X1
12. Comment. The troop train probably belonged to the 13th AAA Div. 25X1
13. Comment. The troop trains probably carried relief contingents of the 6th Gds AAA Div. 25X1
14. Comment. The troop train probably carried a component of the 6th Gds AAA Div which returned to Aue on 27 September 1954. 25X1
15. Comment. The troop trains carried components of the 6th Gds AAA Div which returned to Chemnitz and Aue on the troop trains 25X1

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16. Comment. The troop train probably carried an AAA unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which returned to Leisnig on 25 September 1954.

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17. Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div to a maneuver in the Kindel - Ohrdruf area.

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18. Comment. The movement includes a total of 14 troop trains which probably carried tank units of the 11th Gds Tk Div back to their home stations from one or two field exercises in the Zeithain area. The troop train to Meissen which is reported in conjunction with the trains to Dresden and Koenigsbrueck again supports the assumption that a medium tank regiment of the 11th Gds Tk Div is stationed at Meissen (1602).

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19. Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank detail of the 11th Gds Tk Div.

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20. Comment. Other reports indicated that the troop trains went from Wustrow to Dresden, and the troop trains went from Wustrow to Meissen between 13 and 16 October 1954.

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